

Wedding Bells

BLADES—LEVAGOOD

In the Central United Church in Calgary, on Friday evening, December 20th, the marriage of Cpl. Marion E., youngest daughter of Mr. Levagood, of Didsbury, to Sgt. Roy L. Blades, of Calgary, formerly of Irma.

A reception was held in the Palliser Hotel for their friends after the ceremony. This young couple have their work in Calgary for the present.

This district joins in extending congratulations and good wishes.

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Irma Settles Down To Enjoy Curling

Curling in Irma got away to a good start last week.

On Wednesday afternoon a meeting of the club members held a meeting in the large well finished waiting room of the rink, at which Mr. Jack Fletcher, president, presided. The following members were selected as skips: Rev. E. Longmire, Messrs. Jack Fletcher, W. N. Frickleton, R. H. Ott, Pryce-Jones, W. J. Bishop, H. L. Black and S. M. Brown.

Names were then drawn to make up the eight rinks, and games were arranged for the following evening. The membership fees were set as follows: Men, \$10.00 each; ladies and students, \$2.00 each. Regulations for the season were discussed and adopted. Mr. Floyd Fuder was appointed caretaker of the rink. It was decided then that Wednesday and Saturday of each week would be open for games with visiting rinks or practice games. Since then, however, three more rinks have been formed, and scheduled games will be played on Wednesdays. The three new skips are Messrs. I. S. Reeds, Harry Halvorsen and Robert Hansen.

Before last Wednesday's meeting closed, Mr. Ross McFarland, on behalf of the club, presented Rev. E. Longmire with a beautiful pair of new rocks as a token of their appreciation of his valuable help in taking charge of building operations and of the hours of hard work spent all through the severe weather last winter and during the past summer and fall until the building was completed. This undertaking, salvaging the material from the old hardware store, and cutting and fitting the old lumber so that now we have one of the finest curling rinks of its size in any village in the province. Mr. Longmire made a fitting reply, thanking the club for the gift.

The ladies' four rinks have as skips: Mrs. E. Longmire, Mrs. H. L. Black, Mrs. A. C. Hockett, and Mrs. A. C. Milne.

Mr. R. H. Ott is secretary-treasurer of the curling club.

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W. I. MEETING

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ott. There were 14 members and four visitors present. The meeting opened with the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," followed by the Creed. It was decided to not hold any more raffles, instead a collection for dilly bags will be taken. Final plans were made concerning the knitting for the exhibit at the annual conference. Mrs. Enger and Mrs. McLean both read articles of interest to all members.

The sewing committee was appointed: Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. W. Stewart, Mrs. Hysha, to act for 1944. Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. McLean are to act as the sick committee.

At the close of the business Mrs. Axel had all take part in singing a "Sound."

Hostesses were: Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Long.

Sgt. Wilkinson. Home From Service In Caribbean Area

(From The Viking News)
Sgt. (Micky) Wilkinson, of the Veteran Guard of Canada, returned on Saturday, the 8th, to rejoin his wife and family, now living in Kinsella, (having recently moved in from Jarrows). Sgt. Wilkinson has just returned from the Caribbean area, where he has spent several months doing work of vital importance. It is quite true that the area in question is known as "The Land of Eternal Sunshine," but after being there a while it is also known as "The Land of Many Flies and Mosquitoes." It is easily reached from Europe, the British Isles, Canada and the U.S.A. The various steamship companies and the P.A.A.'s offer excellent facilities, and a journey of particular interest such ports of call as Miami, Cuba, Porto Rico, and many more.

There is no spring, summers, autumn and winter out there, but there is what is known as two wet and two dry seasons, from mid-November to mid-January there is a short wet season, followed by a short dry season until mid-April, then comes a long wet season until about mid-July, then the long dry season until mid-November.

Although it is hot, the country is in the main track of the equinoctial current, therefore heat waves are practically unknown, but delightful breezes blow in from the Atlantic, these are known as "trade winds," and make the open houses pleasant, even in the greatest heat.

The most suitable dress for the climate is the same thereabouts as that worn here in summer. Palm beach suits, crashes and cotton drills are reasonably comfortable, and for the "fair sex" (this term cannot apply to the native ladies who are "chocolate blonde"), the light summer dress will be found suitable all the year round.

Tourists of all area should try to visit the famous "Kaieteur Falls" which is about 880', the head of which is about 1-130' above sea level.

The inhabitants of the colony are many races, including Europeans, Portuguese, East Indians, Chinese, Aborigines, Blacks, and many mixed races.

Many of the buildings are large and of wonderful architecture, the Cathedral of St. George being the highest wooden structure in the world. The colony itself offers wonderful opportunities for cricket, football, hockey, tennis, shooting, swimming, golf, fishing, jungle hunting, etc., but at the same time a soldier on duty has his duties to perform, and cannot indulge in too much pleasure.

Like all tropical countries, there are many drawbacks, but one can always recall some pleasant memory. Nevertheless, it is very nice to be home again, to meet old friends and acquaintances.

Kinsella Kernels

Miss Mildred Hajek and Miss Norma Wangness returned to the city on New Year's Day, after spending the yuletide holidays with friends over the week-end.

Mrs. J. Johnston, of the Rodino district, has been visiting in town with friends over the week-end.

Lac. Clifford Bowden left on January 1st for Dauphin, Man.

The annual Red Cross meeting is to be held in the Municipal Offices on Monday, January 10th.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Clayton Barker, who had the misfortune to break three ribs, is home again.

The Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Murray on Thursday, January 13.

RADIOGRAMS FROM CICA

Keep posted on the latest news and developments in the livestock industry of Northern Alberta, by tuning in to the snappy, early-morning show presented by Alberta Livestock Co-operative Ltd. This new fifteen-minute feature brings you important farm service talks consisting of latest market quotations, news and views on the livestock industry and useful educational features. These, together with bright, peppy music make for a top-notch farm service show. And now for the TIME of this outstanding feature: Every weekday morning—Monday thru Saturday at 7:15—over CICA.

Hi there Sport fans... keeping posted on N.H.L. developments these days? Things are getting mighty tense right now, with the Montreal Canadiens on the top rung of the ladder—Boston and Toronto battling for second place—and Chicago, Detroit and New York still with plenty of fighting spirit to bring them up from third and fourth positions! Keep posted on your favorite sport—and cheer for your favorite team—Saturday nights at 7:00 on the N.H.L. Broadcasts over CICA.

POSTWAR PLANNING

Planning for the postwar era is now a popular undertaking. But no plan will ever achieve any success unless it makes provision for agriculture. If agriculture is neglected, all plans will fall for it is from agricultural that the bulk of the new wealth comes.

The soundest plan will provide first for a degree of stability for farm prices. When farmers are prosperous it is reflected in good times for the whole nation.—Wheat Pool Budget.

THE ONTARIO EXPERIMENT

A committee of 21 Ontario farmers appointed by the government of that province and representing every class of primary producer will report on what agriculture needs. In effect, the government has said to this committee: "If things as you say are not right, then tell us what is wrong and what you want done and we will try to do it."

What will evolve from the studies and recommendations of this committee will be watched with interest by farmers in the other Canadian provinces.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Heavy rains and rust have caused considerable damage to the wheat crop in a number of districts in South Africa—The Argentine wheat crop is now estimated at 291 million bushels as compared with a preliminary estimate of 312 million bushels—The Mexican corn crop is estimated to be about 20 per cent. smaller than in 1942.

Reports indicate that efforts to increase the wheat acreage for 1944 harvest have been successful in many European countries—Australia's 1943-44 wheat crop is estimated at 97 million bushels, as compared with the previous estimate of 89 million bushels—Winter crops in southern U.S.A. have been materially benefitted by recent rains.

World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange,
Director "The Crop Testing Plan."

WHO GETS THE BENEFIT

During the course of hundreds of years remarkable improvements have taken place in agricultural implements and methods.

Today one man can plough ten acres a day. In ancient times he could plough one acre a day. Today one man can harvest and thresh one hundred times more per day than he could in days of old. In olden times the farmer's working day was from sunrise to sunset, but he still has to work from sunrise to sunset, and while he enjoys easier work and a few more conveniences in his home, his standard of living is not many times better than it was.

The benefits of these improvements in agriculture, therefore, have in the main been enjoyed by others; first by industrial labor who make the implements, clothing equipment and goods farmers have to buy for their living and production (because industrial labor ever insists on exceedingly high wages, which means high prices for the goods they make), and secondly, by the Government, which each year takes a tremendous toll from the farmer's income through the medium of exceeding high tariffs and custom duties on those goods our farmers need which are imported into this country, and which high tariffs also permit very high prices to be charged for Canadian-made goods.

FARM PAPER CATERES TO HOME DRESSMAKERS

Home dressmaking, the art of "making over, making do, and using what you have," is today practised extensively in Canadian homes—for, in wartime, it is both patriotic and economical to "make your own things." For some women, the making of things at home began with sewing for the Red Cross, later developing into the making of simple articles of clothing for the family. Most rural women all ways have made some of their own and their children's things, but, today, many are making almost all garments.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Family Herald and Weekly Star reports it is now furnishing more readers with patterns than at any time in its seventy-four years of service. During 1943 over 100,000 orders for dress patterns.



UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, January 16.
Irma—Sunday School—11 a.m.
Public Worship—7:30 p.m.
No services at outside appointments until further notice.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 23rd, at 2 p.m.
Please take notice the change of time will be continued during winter months.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma Tabernacle—2:15 p.m.—Bible classes for all.
Gospel Service—3:30 p.m.—Hardisty, Oddfellows' Hall—8:30 p.m.—Gospel service.
A very cordial welcome to all. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart; I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."—Jeremiah 17:9,10.

Mr. George Manners is now able to repairs harness since he had his eyes attended to, and will be glad of any work you can give him.

Patterns, crochet and embroidery patterns, etc., were filled.

In offering a wide variety of patterns at nominal cost, the Family Herald not only helps thousands of housewives meet their wartime budget, but enables them to convert household remnants and the family's old, discarded garments into precious articles of clothing, many of which cannot today be bought. Add to the Family Herald's Pattern Offers the practical dressmaking information given in its Women's Pages, the healthful recipes, the timely, economical wartime helps, and there you have sound reasons for the Family Herald's continued popularity in over 300,000 Canadian homes.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Colonial Development

IN A RECENT ADDRESS given at the Guildhall in London by the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner to Britain, he stated that the British Commonwealth "is a working model of political freedom and an object lesson in collective security." He added that it is "the one tried and successful union of free peoples in a world which must have union between the nations or perish." Events of recent years have shown how strong has been the structure of the Empire, which is held together by bonds of loyalty, respect and common interest, as opposed to the forceful and brutal methods by which the Axis nations have attempted to extend their spheres of influence. In the early years of the war, when Britain's resources were taxed to the utmost, the whole Empire, from the largest Dominion to the smallest colony, rallied to her support, and Britain, in turn, has not let the stress of wartime conditions lessen her responsibilities to the various members of the Commonwealth. This is especially true in relation to the smaller colonies, where in many cases the welfare of the people is to a large extent dependent upon the interest of the people and government of Britain.

Act Passed To Aid Colonies

Colonel Oliver Stanley, the British Colonial Secretary, recently toured the British colonies, and brought back a report on conditions in those parts of the Empire. In July, 1940, a Colonial Welfare and Development Act was passed by the British Parliament. This act provided for assistance to colonial governments up to a maximum of five million pounds sterling annually, for ten years. It has now been in force for three years and many results have been noted. Shortages of raw materials and labour, due to wartime restrictions, have hampered many of the projects which would otherwise have been undertaken, but in spite of these difficulties it is reported that up to the end of October, 1943, three hundred and six plans of various types had been approved by the British Colonial Office. These plans included measures for health and general welfare, education, public works and agricultural and industrial developments. They were all drawn up with the object of improving the health and education of natives of the colonies, and increasing their opportunities for advancement.

British People Show Interest

Much stress has been laid upon the improvement of health services to native populations of the colonies, for it is felt that all other developments depend upon the health of the people. Large loans have been made to provide for malaria control in the West Indies and for a campaign against tropical diseases in Jamaica. Similar grants have been made for the improvement of educational facilities. Funds have been provided for the opening of children's libraries and museums, the improvement of schools and of schools for teacher training. For the development of agriculture large sums have been designated for drainage, irrigation, reforestation, and for improving crops and livestock. While most of the colonies are primarily interested in agriculture, assistance has been given in cases where local industries have been developed. These are only a few of the many projects which have been undertaken and more are to be inaugurated when wartime restrictions of labour and materials are removed. In the meantime, the people and the government of Britain are showing their sincere interest in these "junior partners" in the Commonwealth of Nations.



As you know, meat rationing does not cover the organ meats such as heart, kidney, sweetbreads, and liver. If the restricted use of muscle meat causes you to use a greater amount of organ meats, it is a decided advantage to you, nutritionally.

You have been informed many times to eat Liver. You ask why, or which—call, beef, pork—is the most valuable from a nutritional standpoint? Pork Liver is the richest in food value and is the least expensive. The average Canadian diet may be low in iron, riboflavin and perhaps other vitamins. An average serving of Liver provides you with almost all of the iron and riboflavin needed for a day, more than the daily need of Vitamin A, and is a good source of complete protein. It is also one of our good sources of thiamin (B1). No muscle meat possesses the amounts of these essential nutrients which are found in liver.

You must remember that liver requires careful cooking, as overcooking toughens it and destroys the flavour. When you are frying Liver, wipe it first with a damp cloth, then dip in flour to which seasonings have been added, and fry. Try Liver is the richest in food value and is the least expensive, so give your family a pleasant surprise next time you serve Liver. Fry boiling it gently, then cut into small pieces and cream. Or use it in a casserole or scalloped dish along with vegetables.

Discovers Home Skin Remedy

This clean stainless antiseptic known all over Canada as Moore's Emerald Oil, is such a fine healing agent that Barber's itch, skin itching, itching, itches and feet, and other inflammatory skin eruptions are often relieved in a few days. Moore's Emerald Oil is pleasant to use and it is so antiseptic and penetrating that many old stubborn cases of long standing have yielded to its influence. Moore's Emerald Oil is sold by good druggists everywhere to help rid you of stubborn pimples and unsightly skin troubles—satisfaction or money back.

Jam From Powder

Result of Research By English Scientist Makes It Possible

British housewives have been told that they may soon be making jam from powder, at all times of the year. Professor B. T. B. Barker of a research station in Somerset has announced that he has discovered a powder made from plum puree, which keeps indefinitely.

Three ounces of the powder, with sugar added, after a few minutes of boiling, becomes two pounds of jam. Only plum powder has been used so far, but the scientist believes the process is possible with apple and blackberry and probably any other fruit.

Advantages of the new invention, in wartime England are: saving of storage space; saving of sugar, since the jam would be made for quick consumption; jam can be made whenever sugar supplies available. British firm of preserve makers already is preparing products, using the experimental examples.

Reveals Dental Troubles

High Altitude Flying Has Proved Better Than X-Ray

High altitude flying reveals dental troubles that elude even the X-ray, naval doctors in the United States Pacific Fleet have found.

For instance, a naval dive-bomber pilot reported that he was always troubled with severe toothache just before going into a dive. He blamed sinus trouble.

But a test in a pressure chamber simulating the atmospheric conditions at high altitude revealed hidden decay that had not been detected by X-rays.

Studying an undisclosed number of cases, Navy doctors found:

Fifty-seven per cent. of airmen developed toothache in a pressure chamber equivalent to a height of 28,000 feet;

Twenty-three per cent. experienced pain at a reading equivalent to 18,000 feet;

Twenty per cent. began showing symptoms before reaching the equivalent of 10,000 feet.

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Royal Bank Assets

Total Now Stands At Record Figure Of \$1,509,097,571

New high records in practically all departments of the bank's business are revealed in the Annual Balance Sheet of The Royal Bank of Canada for the year ended November 30, 1943. Total assets, which a year ago reached the highest point in the bank's history, have again expanded, and now stand at the record figure of \$1,509,097,571, an increase of \$1,291,615,946 on November 30, 1942. Deposits have likewise reached a new high level, and now total \$1,380,769,152, an increase of more than \$216,000,000 for the year.

Current loans in Canada are again moderately higher, and now stand at \$277,921,237 as compared with \$255,148,401 a year ago, an increase of over \$22,700,000. It is understood that this increase is due largely to increased borrowing by the public for the purchase of the Fifth Victory Loan. Apart from this, it is understood that many firms have found it unnecessary to borrow because of rapid turnover and prompt settlement of accounts in connection with war production. Furthermore, inventories are, generally speaking, lower.

Loans outside Canada show a moderate reduction. The liquid position of the bank continues very strong, with quickly realizable assets equal to 78.09% of the bank's liabilities to the public. There has been a marked expansion in liquid assets which now total \$1,104,703,439, as compared with \$906,440,239 a year ago. Included in these liquid assets are Dominion and Provincial securities amounting to \$641,888,620, which is an increase of \$122,000,000 as compared with last year. Cash on hand, deposits with the Bank of Canada, other cash items and bank balances also show a substantial increase and now stand at \$233,225,988 as compared with \$261,884,475 in November 1942.

Made Himself Popular

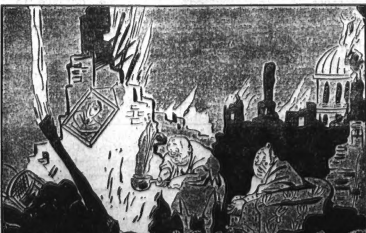
Many People Took Food Minister's Advice As Personal Matter

I doubt whether any member of the Government at Westminster, other than Churchill himself, has won so fully the confidence of the general public as has Lord Woolton, whose work as Minister of Food made him a daily presence at meal-time in most of our homes. To those who inclined to toy with their food his name was often used as a corrective, and other people regarded him as a personal adviser rather than a remote administrative power.

Many times I have been told that a certain dish was made from "Lord Woolton's recipe" or that some new idea in domestic economy was "one of Lord Woolton's."

This sense of personal relationship was carried even a stage further by one dear old lady of my acquaintance. In her remarks about household matters she would say "He told me so-and-so just this morning" (the "he" being Lord Woolton, and the "so-and-so" some item heard in the "Kitchen Front" broadcasts). Always she regarded such information as being broadcast to her personally by the Food Controller himself.

Belfast News Letter.



"But the Fuehrer promised that only the British would be vating out of doors!"

Our Boys And Girls On Active Service

(By J. G.)

Because four of their children are still too young to enlist is probably the reason, the only one, why all nine sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chuet, Angusville, Manitoba, are now in the armed services. Two lads are in the Canadian artillery overseas, three of the girls are serving in Canada.

Among the fellows back from overseas recently was a first division man, Pte. Johnny Falcon, Battleford, Sask. Over four years he had 17 leaves and visited Scotland and Ireland. With the artillery two years across the pond, Gunner Gilbert Deets of Biggar, Sask., also got back. In '41 he was caught in a raid as 150 planes came over. Gil said he made lots of friends there. He got so he just turned over and went to sleep when he heard the air raid sirens.

The R.C.A.F.'s new mail squadron is now winning mail for the overseas forces as far away as Cairo. Among those who helped fly the Christmas mail to remote points in the Middle East, are D. J. Chuet, Edmonton, Alta.; P. O. E. M. Rosebush, of Winnipeg, and an Alberta flying officer, J. F. Irvine. One of the mail craft had two crews, one of which remains in Britain to operate the Middle East and Italy service, and with this gang came over. Gil said he made lots of friends there. He got so he just turned over and went to sleep when he heard the air raid sirens.

Boy, here's a story of westerners in the air force. It's the story of F. R. D. Shultz of Bashaw, Alta. One of a two man crew in a Mosquito, they went out to intercept some raiders. They first shot down a Dornier and then, flying it up in mid-air, and zooming through the wreckage of this plane lit right into another. Of the four bombers shot down by the Fighter Command that night in England, Schultz and his pal, Williams, got three of them. The third victim came as he was flying on one engine and with only part of an instrument panel, the rest having been blasted away. They landed safely at an emergency field.

Pilot Officer C. B. Witt of Morden, Man., piloted a Beaufighter recently, which brought down a Dornier, three-engined long range flying boat. He was working with the coastal command off the coast of Norway.

Lt. John J. McLaughlin, R.C.N.-V.R. of Winnipeg, has been cited by the U.S. Navy who with his crew went nearly 72 hours without sleep in a terrific gale off Cuba, making a rescue, towing a U.S. craft and completing a rescue by passing 300 gallons of gas by means of a garden hose. The wind was 60 m.p.h. His motor launch was hit by a German Fairmile flotilla working with United States forces in the Caribbean area. In May, 1942, his gallant Canadian, jumped from his bunk in the middle of the night to plunge into the ice cold Sissiboo River, near Weymouth, N.S., to save a naval gunner from drowning.

One of the busiest departments of the Canadian navy was its Fleet Mail office during the weeks preceding Christmas; postal clerks were placed on a 24-hour shift, 120 clerks and 49 Wrens handled as much as 22,000 parcels, half a million letters in one month. Among the sorely tried naval postal workers was Leading P. C. Elmer Mellin of Saskatoon, Sask.

Here are a group of Winnipeg veteran convoy signmen who say they wouldn't trade their jobs they have in the navy: Fred Ross, Douglas McKowan, Frank Broadshaw, Garnet Register and Norman Wiseman.

What were the Wrens doing Christmas day, those who weren't able to leave "ship"? Well, it was Sunday routine. Morn'ing devoted to a brief Christmas service and mail from home. Noon brought the traditional Christmas dinner, fruit, cup, roast turkey, cranberries, vegetables, Xmas pudding, with brandy sauce, fruit and candy. Wren officers served the meal for ratings. They gathered in the fo'castle to hear His Majesty the King send his Christmas message in the afternoon.

A SOCK KNITTING RECORD

Since Canada declared war on Sept. 10, 1939, Mrs. Hannah Spencer of Galt, Ont., has knitted 859 pairs of socks for men in the services. This total averages out to one pair every 1.8 days or 43 hours, 33 1/2 minutes.

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Wife—Do you think the mountain air will disagree with me?
Hubby—I doubt if it would dare, my dear.

"What is the difference between a Jeweller and a jailer?"
"I don't know. What is it?"
"One sells watches and the other watches cells."

Mother (to small son who won't take his soup)—Why don't you like it?
Small son—I don't like the smell of its breath.

Judge (just before passing sentence on pickpocket)—Just what good have you done to humanity?
Confirmed Criminal—Well, I've kept three or four detectives working regularly.

Mr. Pothwaite—But surely you don't believe your husband's yarn that he's been fishing. I notice he didn't bring any fish back.
Mrs. Wattleton—That's just what makes me think he has been fishing.

Affable Butcher—I trust, madam, that you liked the sausages?
"Well, I must admit," replied the customer acidly, "they were not quite so bad as they were tainted."

Small Boy—Mother wants to borrow some pots and pans right away, Mrs. Naber.
Mrs. Naber—Having a party?
Small Boy—No, it's starting to rain and our roof leaks.

Lady—I'm afraid I'll have to return that parrot I bought here some time ago. He shocks all my friends by his dreadful language.
Dealer—Ah, you've got to be careful how you talk before him, lady. He's terrible quick to learn.

Customer—Have you a book entitled "Man, the Master of the Home"?
Salesgirl—The fiction department is on the other side, sir.

"My wife is a very capable woman."

"There's no doubt of it."
"Yes, she can get home 15 minutes ahead of me and look as if she had been there all day."

"I'm sorry, old man, but I make it a rule never to lend money. It ruins friendship."

"But why let that worry you? We never were what you might call wonderfully good friends, were we?"

Pat—That was a false sentiment Casey got off at the banquet last night.

Mike—What was it?
Pat—He said that the sweetest memories in life are the recollections of things forgotten.

FERTILIZER STORAGE

With reference to the appeal to farmers to order and accept delivery of fertilizers now, the ideal place for the storage of fertilizers should be dry and not have any vegetables or livestock under the same roof. The fertilizer should be placed in a neat pile on planks clear of the floor and away from the walls. The reason for the neat pile is that it may be easily covered with straw, chaff, or other dry material that will also exclude air.

In munitions industries in Britain, including shipbuilding and heavy engineering, one worker in three is a woman.

Many Attending

Large Number Studying Foreign Languages in London Schools

London—Language schools reported the number of persons studying foreign languages today to be three to four times that pre-war, civilians and soldiers alike optimistically preparing for what's to come after Adolf Hitler.

Learning Italian, German, Russian, French—even Chinese—were businessmen, British and American troops, and civilian opportunists along with the usual batches of diplomats. "And every man," a language instructor told the United Press, "wants to learn in a hurry."

Men and women, with eyes on the shrinking Axis map, were demanding to learn in a hurry, and, to meet the requirements, language teachers were attempting to devise basic-German, basic-Italian, trying the efforts were meeting with varying success, but "basic" courses were not being taught in the big schools.

It still was taking months to develop a language student beyond the gibbering stage. The director of one school said he wouldn't regard a man as able to speak a foreign tongue in anything less than three to four years study.

Some countries, Holland and Turkey among them, were conducting their own schools. In the American army classes were running in French and Russian. Instruction on a lesser scale was being given troops in Spanish, Italian, German, Czech, Slovenian and Hungarian.

"We the Americans the accent was 'on the fundamentals.' Soldiers, mostly officers, were taking the courses voluntarily, in their own spare time.

"We put the emphasis on simple conversation," an army instructor said. "We first teach a man enough to ask for water, and where he can eat—afterward, he can go on from there."

FOUND RIGHT WORDS

It is extremely significant that it should be Mr. Eden, a young Tory, who found the right words to describe the Tehran Conference. It is extremely interesting to note also that Mr. Eden made it clear that Britain does not wish to impose a three-power will on Europe, but to liberate the German-occupied countries so that they can take their places again in the European family.

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LOCALS

The W.A. are holding their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 18th, at 3 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Axel Peterson. All members are asked to bring their thankoffering boxes.

When in Irma, if you cannot find the man you want, look in the curling rink.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Mary's Church will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson, January 18th, at 7 p.m. You will notice that both annuals are on the same day, and all members attending the afternoon meeting are cordially invited to stay for the evening.

The vital statistics registration at Irma for the year 1943 are as follows: Births, 13; marriages, 4; and deaths, 7.

Mr. Johnny Hines went to Edmonton last week to attend medical treatment for an injured hand.

Mrs. M. Arnold has just recovered from an attack of the flu.

Mr. Julius Stougaard returned last Saturday from spending the Christmas holidays with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton, at Hanna, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parke have rented the Wazney house, and will be moving shortly.

Mr. J. A. Hedley attended the annual banquet and re-union of the members of the 49th Battalion at Edmonton, Saturday evening.

Miss Jean Craig suffered painful injury to her foot on Wednesday when the horse she was riding to school stumbled, and threw her to the ground.

Mrs. J. Fletcher received word recently that it was necessary for her mother, Mrs. Berg, to go into a hospital for an operation this week.

Mr. Fletcher was confined to his home for a few days this week with an attack of the flu.

Mr. A. Wazny, employed by the C.N.R. at Edgerton, was in the Wainwright hospital this week suffering from a ninjury while at work.

Mr. Chernichan, one of the C.N.R. section men at Irma, moved last week to Smoky Lake. His son, Billie, accompanied him.

The January meeting of the W.M.S. will be held on Thursday, January 20, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. West. Everybody welcome, and please note the change of time for that meeting. Mrs. Reed will preside, and another chapter of the book, "A Shepherd Remembers," by Leslie Weatherhead, will be studied.

Sgt. Jim Sharkey is back in the base hospital somewhere in Italy undergoing treatments for shrapnel wounds received in Sicily.

S. Sgt. Ed. Sharkey, somewhere overseas, has been promoted to Sgt.-Major.

L.-Cpl. Frances Quinlan has returned to Quebec to finish her N.C.O.'s instructor's course.

Mrs. Geo. Quinlan returned from Chulivack, B.C., going there December 27th, after receiving word of Mr. C. J. Quinlan's death.

Mrs. Jack Carswell, of Cranbrook, B.C., and Mrs. Bessie Ward, Edmonton, spent New Year's with their father, Mr. E. E. Sharkey, and other relatives.

The Victory Volunteer Workers are able to report quite a successful year's work during 1943. Twenty-four quilts were completed, all wool being washed and carded by members, and quite a few tops being pieced.

Three sales of hot dogs and hamburger were held during this time, the first being held in Hardisty on Saturday, July 24th, bringing a profit of \$29.33; the second in Irma, Saturday, September 11th, clearing \$33.49; and the third being held at the sale of Roy Bronson, November 4th; \$26.68 being cleared, also two cash donations were given: \$10.00 for Community Chest, and \$10.00 for Salvation Army, this leaving a total of \$76.83 in funds. We sincerely wish to thank everyone for helping in any way to make this year such a grand success for us.



By Dr. K. W. Neashy
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Line Elevator Association

Manitoba Farmers Set Example

It is difficult indeed to find topics for these articles of equal interest to all our readers from the Red River to the Peace River. Obviously, we cannot deal with matters of purely local importance. While this is really a salute to Manitoba farmers, it merits the attention of all.

Ever since this Department was organized, we have stressed, above all, two problems—Weeds and Soil Conservation. If you, in your district, were to organize a meeting to discuss prices, debt legislation, or farm labour, you would be sure of support. But suppose you were to arrange a meeting for the sole purpose of studying weed problems; how many farmers would come? Well, on November 30, the Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba called such a meeting. For nearly four hours, 136 farmers sat on hard seats completely absorbed with the problem of controlling leafy spurge. For three years, the Department of Agriculture has co-operated with municipal officials and other farmers in a program to conquer this weed. Fifty municipalities were represented at the meeting. Results of control methods by chemicals, by tillage and by sheep were discussed, and the speaker making the work more effective were studied.

Government agriculturists have learned that they must get better acquainted with the farmer himself. Farmers have discovered that the professionally trained agriculturist has something to offer. Leafy spurge is in a tough time in Manitoba. The same spirit will defeat weeds and preserve soils anywhere, and these two goals can be reached no other way.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Sponsors, as well as on our own, we wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring peace.



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Health Certificates for Seed—A Definite Post-War Plan

At present, there is no single laboratory where farmers may obtain information on the general health of seed samples. It is impossible to obtain maximum yields of high quality grain, unless the following considerations receive due attention:

1. Pure seed of suitable variety.
2. Good cropping and tillage practices.
3. A high percentage of seeds capable of vigorous germination.
4. Absence of seed-borne diseases or provision for control.
5. The quantity and kind of weed seeds in the seed.

Item three has engaged our attention for three years. Confidence in our tests has been well maintained and demands on the service have increased as follows:

1940-41 — 4,934 samples
1941-42 — 9,083 samples
1942-43 — 11,078 samples

Judging from receipts to date, we shall probably test about 13,000 samples this year.

Many farmers are asking for information on seed-borne diseases, the necessity for seed treatment, and on weed seeds. As a result, we have been authorized by our Line Elevator sponsors to announce, as a post-war plan, the expansion of our laboratory facilities so as to provide for complete clinical examination of cereal crop seeds. For the first year, we shall undertake to make complete tests on wheat only, continuing with germination tests on oats, barley and flax.

Canada must be prepared to meet competition on the world wheat market. To do so we must jealously guard our reputation for high quality and this, plus service to the individual farmer, is our purpose.

FIVE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS MERGED INTO ONE

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SWALLOWED UP
IN NEW UNIT

(From The Viking News)

A new enlarged Municipal District to be known as the Killam Municipal District No. 390 has been ordered erected by the Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs. It shall consist of seven divisions, with one councillor to be elected from each division.

Tuesday, February 8th, 1944 has been affixed for the day of receiving nominations and the place is the office of the former M.D. of Sterling at Killam. If a poll is required for any division it shall be held on Tuesday, February 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voters lists are now being prepared.

The new enlarged district shall be composed of:

The Municipal District of Flagstaff, No. 364, the Municipal District of Asquith, No. 394, the Municipal District of Wheatland, No. 395, the Municipal District of Kinsella, No. 424, and the Municipal District of Sterling, No. 425, the following areas:

All of Township 39, Ranges 10, 11, 12 and 413 lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 11 and 12; all of Townships 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

That the area included by this Order within the above described boundaries of the Municipal District of Killam, No. 390, shall be, and is divided into seven divisions, for electoral purposes, described as follows:

Division No. 1 — All of Township 39, Ranges 10, 11 and 12, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Range 10, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 11 and 12; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 2 — All of Township 39, Range 13, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 13, 14 and 15 lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 41, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all of the south one-third of Township 42, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 3 — All of Townships 42 and 43, Ranges 10, 11 and 12; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 4 — All of the north two-thirds of Township 42, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all of Township 43, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 5 — All of Townships 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 10, 11 and 12; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 6 — All of Townships 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 12 and 13; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 7 — All of Townships 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Curling Club was held in the waiting room of the curling rink last Saturday evening. There was a good attendance, and keen interest was taken by the ladies in the proceedings.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. L. Slavik; vice-president, Mrs. P. Nordstrom; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Thunell.

The ladies will use the ice Tuesday and Saturday evenings of each week.

Following is the personnel of the rinks, first named being skip; third, second; and lead.

Mrs. Loney, Verna Hardy, Dorothy Wesley, Nellie Gares.

Mrs. Gilpin, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Fowler.

Mrs. Thunell, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Leford, Olga Baldwin.

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ASK PARITY PRICES

The delegates of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool meeting at the annual convention passed a resolution calling for the acceptance of the principles of parity prices for farm products. The resolution stated:

1. It is essential to continue maximum production and that the needs of agriculture be recognized by National Selective Service in the allocation of available manpower.

2. The most effective method of maintaining maximum farm production is by guaranteeing a fair level of prices for farm commodities over a period of years.

3. It is in the national interest that speculative trading in food stuffs be abolished.

4. It is obvious that international agreement calls for government participation, and in the field of marketing grain it is probable that organization with government participation is likely to afford the best method for the future.

5. That the work of prairie farm rehabilitation administration should be expanded to develop a national conservation which should not be considered as a subsidy to the farmer but as a national investment for future generations of Canadians.

6. Until such time as a practical group insurance scheme has been worked out the Prairie Farm Assurance Act should be maintained and the payments under the Act increased.

7. That in the interest of social

security for those engaged in agriculture, a long-term agricultural policy should be established. As a step in this direction it will be necessary to continue to press for such measures as crop insurance, improved agricultural credit facilities, co-operative finance, national health and other factors which would serve as a foundation of social security.

8. In spite of expanded industrial development in Canada, agriculture is, and for many years will continue to be, the basic industry of the country.

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